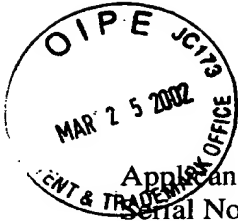


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Replace columns 1-30 with attached columns 1-30.

In the claims:

Amend claim 1, 24, and 48 so that they appear as follows in the reissued patent:

--1. (Twice Amended) A computer implemented method of synchronizing at least a first and a second database, wherein the manner of storing a set of recurring date bearing instances differs between the first and second databases, and at least the first database uses a recurring record to store the set of recurring date bearing instances, the method comprising:

AI processing a plurality of non-recurring records in the second database to identify a set of non-recurring records storing a set of recurring date bearing instances in the second database;

performing a comparison of the set of non-recurring records of the [first] second database to a recurring record of the first database; and

completing synchronization based on the outcome of the comparison.--

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